

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Cain for the courteous personal interview of September 17, 2002 at which the art of record and the claims were discussed. The Examiner indicated that a recitation of the amount of resin component in the claims would overcome the art of record. As discussed at the interview, the art of record fails to teach or suggest applicants' range of resin component in an adhesive system.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to recite the range of resin component as being from 10-90 weight%. Claim 1 has also been amended to more clearly set forth that the resin component comprises an etherified resin. These amendments are supported at least on page 2, lines 21-30 of the specification. As set forth on page 2, lines 21-22, the resin component can be a mixture of etherified and unetherified resin. A marked up copy showing all the changes made to Claim 1 relative to the previous versions of the claim is submitted as ATTACHMENT A.

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ATTACHMENT A

1. (Amended) An adhesive system comprising, (a) a resin component comprising an etherified resin, (b) a polymer prepared from one or more ethylenically unsaturated monomers, (c) a curing agent, and (d) a polyvinyl alcohol, the amount of the resin component being 10-90 weight% based on the solids of the adhesive system.